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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1105, NEWLY IDENTIFIED EXPLOSIVES/PROPELLANTS  
RESEARCH FACILITY, LYUBERTSY, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE: LYUBERTSY EXPLOSIVES/PROPELLANTS RESEARCH  
FACILITY IS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGET WHICH IS  
PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH LYUBERTSY ROCKET MOTOR  
PRODUCTION AND TEST FACILITY

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2. LOCATION: 10.5 NM SE OF THE CENTER OF MOSCOW AND 2 NM  
WEST OF LYUBERTSY ROCKET MOTOR PRODUCTION AND  
TEST FACILITY.

3. REMARKS: NONE

4. COLLATERAL:

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE (PART OF THE FACILITY WAS PRESENT ON  
AUG 43 GERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY)
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NINE KH-4, ONE KH-7, [REDACTED] MISSION.
8. DIMENSIONS/  
SPECIFICATIONS: NONE
9. MISSION READOUT: AN EXPLOSIVES/PROPELLANTS RESEARCH FACILITY IS NEWLY  
IDENTIFIED 10.5 NM SE OF THE CENTER OF MOSCOW AND 2 NM WEST OF LYUBERTSY  
ROCKET PRODUCTION AND TEST FACILITY [REDACTED] WITH WHICH IT IS  
PROBABLY ASSOCIATED.

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A MAJOR PART OF THE FACILITY IS EVIDENT ON GERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY OF AUGUST 1943. IT WAS NOT IDENTIFIED ON KEYHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY UNTIL MISSION 1105 BECAUSE OF THE SMALL SIZE OF THE FACILITY AND THE GENERALLY POOR INTERPRETABILITY OF THE KEYHOLE COVERAGE OF THE MOSCOW AREA.

THE 60-ACRE FACILITY IS SECURED BY A WALL AND CONSISTS OF FIVE LARGE MULTISTORY ENGINEERING/LABORATORY BUILDINGS, A SHOP AND ENGINEERING BUILDING WHICH IS BEING RENOVATED, AN IRREGULARLY SHAPED PROCESSING/SHOP BUILDING, THREE BARRICADED BUILDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH A PROBABLE NITRATION PROCESS AND ONE BARRICADE WITHOUT A BUILDING, THREE EXPLOSIVES OR PROPELLANTS PROCESSING BUILDINGS, TWO PROBABLE EXPERIMENTAL EXPLOSIVES OR PROPELLANTS LABORATORY AND TEST BUILDINGS, AND 28 SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

THE SECURITY WALL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FACILITY WAS EXTENDED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1965 AND MAY 1966, AND FOUR NEW UNIDENTIFIED BUILDINGS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BUILT.

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